

Kathmandu -- USAID is assisting victims of flooding and landslides in the Kailali, Kanchanpur and Accham districts of Nepal. USAID, through a grant to Save the Children and in cooperation with the Nepal Red Cross Society, is distributing relief items including 500 blankets, 500 tarpaulins, 500 sets of replacement household items, and 400 water containers.

Through the grant, USAID and Save the Children had prepositioned relief commodities in the area to respond quickly to just this type of emergency. Save the Children will provide additional assistance with USAID funds to those affected.

“The foresight of these disaster preparedness programs allows us to provide immediate assistance to the victims of these devastating floods,” commented USAID/Nepal Mission Director Dr. Kevin A. Rushing.

Flooding and landslides caused by renewed monsoons have affected more than 18,000 people in 10 districts of the mid and far-west region of Nepal since October 4th. According to media reports, the flooding and landslides have caused up to 57 deaths.

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For 57 years the American people, through USAID, have provided assistance to the people of Nepal in the areas of peace building, democracy and governance, health and family planning, economic growth, and humanitarian aid. The U.S. Government will provide more than \$67 million in foreign assistance to the people of Nepal this year.